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PHILADELPHIA - Darren Cephas, 38, of Chester, was convicted by a jury of possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine, possession of two loaded firearms in furtherance of that drug trafficking crime, and convicted felon in possession of firearms, qualifying him for a life prison sentence, announced Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid.

On April 26, 2007, members of the Delaware County District Attorney's Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at Cephas' Chester home. The law enforcement officers found inside the home a backpack containing more than 480 grams of cocaine, \$22,700 cash, and two loaded handguns. Elsewhere in Cephas' residence, the officers seized additional amounts of cocaine; a total of almost 520 grams of cocaine were taken from the home. In addition to the loaded handguns that are recognized as tools of the drug trafficking trade, the officers confiscated substantial amounts of drug trafficking paraphernalia. Also recovered from Cephas' home were items proving his residence there, including a photograph of Cephas, a current credit account bill, and financial records.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Darren L. Cephas	Chester, PA	38

The defendant faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison, up to life in prison, when sentenced on December 18, 2008.

This case was investigated by the Delaware County District Attorney's Drug Task Force, the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco, and Explosives, and the Marple Township Police Department. It was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Sharon H. McKenna.

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